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We propose defer approach to GOB re possible Brazilian participation quarantine operations pending outcome of OAS deliberations this matter. While we have little hope GOB would agree such participation, and while we believe pressure tactics in this instance would be counter-productive, I do intend at early opportunity to raise with President or Prime Minister, referring (#) extended penultimate paragraph President Kennedy's letter October 22. Should large number other OAS countries contribute units to operation, and should Brazilian public opinion show itself to be strongly behind US position, believe GOB might reconsider in more favorable light.

GORDON

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(#) Omission. Correction to follow.

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